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SOUTH CHINA BATTLE ENTERS VITAL PHASE

Reds Seeking To Cut Chekiang Railway ADVANCE ON HANGCHOW

Shanghai, April 29.

A second phase of the campaign for South China was reported to be opening today with Shanghai's threatened population of 6,000,000 anxious spectators on the sidelines.

The two Communist columns that stabbed through China's political and commercial nerve centre were officially reported today to be driving South and South East on the new Nationalist defence line.

The line runs from Ningpo on the coast through Hangchow and a mountainous region in Chekiang Province to Nanchang, in Kiangsi province. Skirting the Western banks of Lake Taihu, the Communist forces that had crossed the Yangtze River a week ago from the West of Nanking, were today reported in a district not more than 25 miles North of Hangchow, the central pivot of the Nationalist defence.

Nationalist troops in strong defence positions were ready to give battle to the Communist spearheads.

Another Communist column was driving South from Soochow on the strategic road and railway junction at Kashiung. It was reported to have employed great ingenuity to circumvent the Nationalist stronghold at Wukiang by embarking on Taihu Lake in boats and landing further South.

Weiting Taken

On the Eastern flank of this Communist operation, another spearhead was moving East in the direction of Shanghai. It was officially reported to have reached Weiting, 35 miles from China's biggest metropolis and fourth city of the world.

In addition to threats to Hangchow and Shanghai, the Communist thrust at the central sector of the Nationalist defence line between Hangchow and Nanchang appeared to be making rapid progress, according to all available reports.

Three armies under Communist general Chen Kang, who last week crossed the Yangtze South of Nanking, have pushed about 100 miles across Southern Anhwei province in mountainous country.

Chinese Reds Take Paoshan

Rangoon, April 28. The Burma Army Radio reported today that 2,000 Chinese Communists had captured Paoshan, about 160 kilometres from the Burmese border, cutting the famous Burma Road to China. The broadcast said that Wangling, an important Chinese Customs outpost on the Burma border, had been isolated from Paoshan.—Reuter.

which forms a natural barrier for Nationalist-held Hangchow and Nanchang railway line.

If the Communist drive continues in its present speed according to military observers the Nationalist escape route from Hangchow to Canton may be cut.

Observers think that this would compel the Nationalist forces in the Hangchow area to fall back on Ningpo which could be held as a bridgehead with naval and air support from the Nationalist fortress at Taitan.

Telephone reports from Hangchow said Nationalist troops already were fleeing South from Hangchow across the Chienkang River and no major battle against the Communists is anticipated at either Hangchow or Kashiung.

Shanghai Enigma

The Shanghai enigma in the present military campaign is a popular subject of discussion in every quarter of China's largest city today. Whether the Communists will bypass the financial capital or intend to take it as a mopping-up operation in the near future is still anybody's guess.

BRITAIN WANTS TO BE FRIENDLY

London, April 29. Britain is going to establish friendly relations with the Chinese Communist government, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He said such contact with the Chinese Communists will not affect Britain's present relations with the Nationalist Government, although the Foreign Office in London does not know whether Britain thought "the Chinese Nationalist Government has for all practical purposes ceased to exist."

To this he replied: "I would make no pronouncement on that question."

Diplomatic observers, meanwhile, speculated that his statements suggest Britain may soon give de facto recognition to Mao Tse-tung's Communist government as the only effective authority in most of troubled China.—Associated Press.

More Chinese As Unofficials

Mr. Landale's proposal for a reconstituted legislature with an unofficial majority was endorsed by Mr. Ko Chuek-hung, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, at its committee meeting yesterday.

Addressing members of the committee, Mr. Ko said the proposal for wider unofficial representation on the Legislative Council was welcomed by the Chinese mercantile community, but he insisted that the majority of the unofficials should be Chinese by reason of their preponderance in number.

He disagreed with Mr. Landale's suggestion that only persons of British nationality should be qualified to vote. A good many of the Chinese residents of the Colony are not British subjects, he said, though they may have had business or other interests here for generations, and since they are the principal taxpayers, there is no reason why they should be excluded from the electorate.

Any bona fide resident of Hong Kong, irrespective of nationality, should be entitled to vote, said Mr. Ko.

Dealing with the scrapping of the proposed Municipal Council, Mr. Ko suggested that in its place there should be set up an advisory council, composed of representatives of all sections of the community, both business and labour. Its main function is to advise the Legislative Council members on the needs of the community. Such a body, maintained Mr. Ko, should be of help in liaison between the people and the representatives on the Legislative Council.

Both Mr. Landale's proposal and Mr. Ko's suggestions were referred to a sub-committee for consideration, and members were invited to send in their views on the matter.

The considered views of the Chamber on constitutional reform will, in due course, be submitted to Government.

ECA Moves To Canton

The Economic Co-operation Administration are transferring their headquarters from Shanghai to Canton.

Twenty of their personnel are already in Canton. The remaining ones including 37 Americans and 27 Chinese are expected today in Hong Kong on a US destroyer escort.

The move will end the Fairbank's operation between Hong Kong and Canton on matters of common interest. Admiral Chan was in Hong Kong just before Pearl Harbour and assisted in the defence of the British colony.—AP.

CHINESE ADMIRAL COMING TO HK

Canton, April 29. Vice-Admiral Sir Andrew Chan Chak, Deputy Director of the Canton Pacific Fleet Headquarters, left for Hong Kong yesterday reportedly to seek closer co-operation between Hong Kong and Canton on matters of common interest. Admiral Chan was in Hong Kong just before Pearl Harbour and assisted in the defence of the British colony.—AP.

THE WEATHER

At 6000 M.T. (6 a.m.) HURST an anticyclone centred over Korea is moving E. It is followed by a trough connecting depressions over S. China and N. Manchuria.
Today's Forecast: Light S.W. winds; fair or fine and warm.
Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 82 deg. Fah. Minimum: 68 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 5.5 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 224.3 mm. (8.82 in.) as against an average of 250.0 mm. (9.84 in.)
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REDS WARN BRITAIN NOT TO INTERFERE

Shanghai, April 29.

The Communist Peiping radio last night warned Great Britain not to interfere in China's civil war. The radio said the British "will meet a heavy rebuff from the Chinese people if they continue to infringe on China's sovereign rights."

Issued by "16 leading people's organisations in China," the statement accused Britain of sending warships to "a defence area of the people's liberation army" and killing 252 Red soldiers. It referred to Amethyst incident of last week when four British ships were shelled by Communist artillery.

The radio warned: "If the British dare to continue such hostile acts against the Chinese people and infringe on China's sovereign rights, they will encounter a resolute and just rebuff from the Chinese people and meet with a disastrous defeat."

This Chinese Communist warning to Britain coupled with Red boasts of defeating British gunboats in the Yangtze, caused speculation here that the Reds may intend to reopen the Hong Kong question again.

The belligerent tone adopted by the Communists in their reprimand to Britain for firing on the Communists on the Yangtze River banks and their blunt warning to keep out of the war were about the strongest ever taken by any responsible Chinese faction toward Britain.

On To Hong Kong?

Some even think the Reds, when they get their military steamroller rolling South toward Canton as everyone expects them to do, they might let it roll on from Canton to Hong Kong. Whether the British were motivated by any such fear when they ordered heavy naval units, including aircraft carriers, into Far East waters is, of course, conjectural, but the British have made it clear several times since the end of the Japanese war that they do not intend to give up Hong Kong.

Hong Kong itself was ceded to Great Britain in perpetuity in the treaty of Nanking of 1842 as a naval and commercial base. In 1894 the Japanese seized the area by force and held it for 25 years. Britain wanted this area for defence of Hong Kong.

In the post-war surge of nationalism in China Hong Kong has been subject to the same patriotic, students and political organisations feel Hong Kong and Kowloon should be returned to China. But Chinese traders and business elements are not so eager for Chinese domination over these last outposts of the Empire.

Thousands At Quezon Funeral

Manila, April 29.

An estimated 100,000 today lined the three-mile route from Santo Tomas to the cemetery for the Quezon State funeral in which President Quirino broke official tradition by serving as pallbearer for a private citizen.

After a 20-minute solemn ritual at the Holy Rosary Church where thousands were forced to stand at the university grounds outside, the procession moved slowly up Rizal Avenue and other main streets. It took two hours to reach the cemetery.

The roads leading to the cemetery were jammed for hours ahead. Several prominent Americans attended and General MacArthur sent Major Michael Rios as his personal representative.

Monsignor Rufino Santos, Bishop of Manila, conducted the service at dusk. Mrs. Quezon's coffin, draped with the Philippine flag, was placed in the mausoleum to her husband. Her daughter and son-in-law were buried nearby.

President Quirino wept as the Malacanang band played "Nearer My God To Thee."—United Press.

What Will Happen To Shanghai

Passengers arriving here by air from Shanghai yesterday expressed widely divergent opinions as to what is going to happen to the city and when. Guesses for the city's days ranged from 48 hours to a month.

A Pan American crew member told the "China Mail" that his company expected to fly out its personnel in a day or two. He expressed the belief that the Lungwa airfield would soon be made unsafe to use by the advancing Communists, if it did not actually fall in that time.

"The military regulations are so strict that most of us live on the field," he said. "If you travel from Lungwa to the city, you have to produce all kinds of passes and certificates at roadblocks along the way."

A Standard Oil representative moving from Shanghai to Canton, opined that Shanghai would be left alone until the Communists were certain that they could control and administer it properly. "I don't think the Communists want to duplicate the Tientsin situation," the observer declared. "They seemed to have experienced a good deal of difficulty in Tientsin all the people there."

Most of the Standard Oil Company's personnel are remaining in Shanghai.

A Chinese View
A Chinese businessman who arrived by CNAC plane was inclined to agree that the city would hold out for three weeks to a month, he said.
All of the passengers interviewed by the "China Mail" described Shanghai as quiet and orderly yesterday. However, a number remarked on the growing tension in the city. One of the passengers, an American, said the city, along with martial law

Many Elect To Stay Put In Shanghai

Shanghai, April 29. Except for Americans and White Russians the majority of other foreign communities are staying put in Shanghai, come what may.

While the United States authorities are handling the evacuation of several hundred Americans the local office of the International Refugee Association has received authorisation from Geneva to send 400 White Russian displaced persons to the Philippine Island of Samar.

About 5,000 stateless Russians are still in Shanghai but to evacuate all of them further orders must come from Geneva the I.R.O. here said today.

So far 124 Americans have left the city on navy ships and 10 aboard the President Wilson since the issuance of a new evacuation notice by the American Consulate.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Navy announced in Washington today that three landing craft with a capacity for carrying 1,800 persons were waiting at Shanghai to evacuate American citizens who wanted to leave. After evacuating Americans the landing craft will join the Hospital ship, Repose, which has 150 persons aboard, and other naval ships now at Woosung.

Thus far only 90 Britons out of 150 who applied to leave Shanghai by the Dutch steamer Bala have been able to do so, having taken up their passages.

90 Britons

The spokesman of the Philippine Consulate revealed that the Philippines have applied for evacuation while the Portuguese Consulate-General said that no instructions had been received from the Home Government regarding the evacuation of the 4,000-strong community most of whom were born here and regard Shanghai as their home. The Indian Consul also said that no evacuation of members of his community had taken place.

The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, told the Parliament in Ottawa today that the Canadian Ambassador in China, Mr. T. C. Davis, had been instructed to make decisions regarding the welfare of Canadians in China without waiting for instructions from Ottawa.

The American Consulate-General announced today it had closed its books on the official aided exodus of Americans from Shanghai, leaving about 2,000 Americans still remaining here to face the threatened Communist entry.

Meanwhile, about 1,500 British, 1,000 French and 700 Italians are planning to remain in Shanghai. This is in addition to about 2,000 foreigners of various other nationalities.

British Barges Move In Berlin

Berlin, April 29.

British barge traffic began moving normally through Berlin's waterways at 7 a.m. today under guard of armed British soldiers who seized three canal locks yesterday and scared off Russian interference.

The Russian guards ousted by the British yesterday failed to return when traffic started moving this morning. The British authorities, however, said they expected the Russians to return during the day.

The British authorities said the next step in the barge traffic dispute was up to the Russians now that traffic is moving normally again after two days' attempted Russian interference.

British troops who took over three locks yesterday remained on guard all night, backed up by two armoured cars and other reinforcements held in readiness for any emergency.—United Press.



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Verdict--Chinese Woman Kills Self

Li Pun, alias Karen Li, aged 28, of 25 Lock Street, ground floor, committed suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed, by jumping from the second floor of the Peninsula Hotel on April 18.

A verdict to this effect was returned by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, sitting as Coroner, at an inquest in Kowloon yesterday. The Coroner added that there was no evidence that anybody was in any way responsible for her death.

Dr. R. E. Alvares, in evidence, said that deceased was not a virgin, and there was no evidence of pregnancy. Her urine contained a certain percentage of alcohol. Cause of death was internal haemorrhage and shock resulting from multiple fractures and injuries to the lung and liver. Deceased's appearance was consistent with a jump from a height.

Sub-inspector P. C. Cheah said that on the night of April 18, he was walking along the West side of Hankow Road when, about 10 yards from the junction of Middle Road, he saw a black mass falling from the Peninsula Hotel. He saw that it was a woman who was seriously injured. An ambulance was summoned but on arrival at the hospital, the woman was dead.

Mr. L. H. Wood of Room 402, Y.M.C.A. said that as he was closing the bathroom window, he heard something strike the ground. He had the feeling that it was a body. This suspicion was later confirmed on the arrival of the ambulance.

Mr. T. H. Chai, night attendant on the second floor of the Peninsula Hotel, said that he had seen deceased previously. On the night in question, he did not hear any disturbance or noise from Room 314.

Joseph Hedaya, aged 29, director of the Colony Mercantile Limited, said that he had been in the Colony for about nine months. Deceased was introduced to him by a girl friend at a party in Room 314 on April 10. Deceased visited him several times. On the night of April 18, deceased came to his room, and they had dinner together. They had two or three drinks of whisky. She took a bath and after that, intimacy took place.

Her Mother

"Deceased said that she wanted to live with me," continued Hedaya, "but I told her I could not do so. She then said she would not see me again; she told me about her mother whom she had not seen for 17 years in Shanghai."

Deceased made a phone call and while she was phoning, she cried but not violently. After the phone call, deceased got up and walked to the window. Both her legs were in the room when he rushed to her but he was too late and she tumbled over. He reported to the Reception check.

"She never had threatened in my presence to take her life, but I believe that she must have had years of unhappiness to cause her to end like this," said Hedaya.

Li Wan-ho, aged 50, father of deceased, said that deceased lived with him, and obtained her living by teaching English and Chinese to pupils at their home. She was married to a Chinese Air Force officer who was killed in action. She had two daughters, who were under the care of her mother-in-law.

Some months ago, deceased was in financial difficulties, and her father gave her money, several times. On April 18, the family went to the Kowloon Public Mortuary, and identified the body. When asked by the Coroner why deceased committed suicide, the father said that he could not give an explanation.

Li Wan-ling, younger brother of deceased, said that deceased was kidnapped when she was nine years old. He met her again in Hong Kong about two years ago. Evidence was then given by deceased's friends, Michael Chan, Miss Lulu Chi and Miss Susie Chan.

Detective Sub-inspector J. Hiden conducted the inquiry.

FUNERAL OF MRS. LUZ

The funeral of Mrs. Josefa (Fina) Gutierrez da Luz, aged 64, took place in Macao on Wednesday.

Formerly of Shanghai, she died following a prolonged illness at San Rafael Hospital. She is survived by her son Mr. Jose Gutierrez da Luz, employed in Dowell and Company Limited, two daughters, Misses Teresa and Margarida Gutierrez da Luz, daughter-in-law, Mrs. Patricia Castro da Luz, and a sister at present in Shanghai, Mrs. Maria Jones (Maria) Gutierrez. Relatives and friends attended the funeral.

Wreaths were sent by Pat and Joe, Teresa, Ida, Messrs. P. Yip, T. Costa and others.

AUCTION SALE OF CROWN LAND

An auction sale of Crown Land will be held at P.W.D. Headquarters on Monday, May 2, 1949. The sale will be at 10.00 a.m. The land is situated at the intersection of the main road and the main road, and is suitable for residential purposes.

British Wounded Here Tomorrow

A number of personnel of HMS Amethyst, Consort, Black Swan and London, wounded during the Communist military attack on the four ships on the Yangtze River, are expected to arrive in Hong Kong tomorrow.

The wounded brought to Shanghai were transferred to the United States hospital ship, Repose. The Repose is due here from Shanghai tomorrow.

HANDWRITING EXPERT GIVES EVIDENCE

Signatures on four burial notifications presented at Central yesterday were testified to by Sub-inspector A. Morrison, Police handwriting expert, as being a similar name but coming from two different hands.

Mr. Morrison was a prosecution witness in the case being heard before Mr. Hin-shing Lo in which Clementino Mario Almarino is charged with forging a burial notification for Yeung Yung, the signature purporting to come from the authorised hand of Sister Ambrose of St. Paul's Hospital.

Defendant is additionally charged with obtaining \$200 from Lau Leung under false pretences, by pretending that a non-Catholic could be buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

A second defendant in the case is Margaret Tse, wife of Almarino, a member of the Roman Catholic Cemetery. She is charged with aiding and abetting in the forgery.

Detective Sub-inspector M.J.G. Saut is prosecuting. Father Alfred Feroldi stated that upon information received he approached Sister Ambrose with one of the notification exhibits and asked if the signature was hers.

Sister Ambrose, the priest continued, replied that it was not, whereupon he asked her for a specimen signature, which was contained in one of the exhibits displayed in court.

Sub-inspector Morrison stated that the signatures in the exhibited notification were of different characteristics, one being an attempt to simulate the other. Comparing the handwriting of the details written in the notification forms, Mr. Morrison said that they were in the same hand as that in which the Register was written, and he went on to give the age and name of the deceased written in the register, which found in his opinion, compared with that of the writing in the burial notification.

Cross-examined by Mr. A. Arculli, defending Almarino and his wife, Inspector Morrison stated that he had had nine years experience in handwriting identification work and was accepted as an expert both in the courts of Scotland as well as in the Colony.

Further questioned, Mr. Morrison stated that he had studied and was still studying by himself. "I do not know of any colleges devoted to the study of handwriting identification," he added.

Expert Evidence

Mr. Arculli: "You have given expert evidence in the Supreme Court?"

Mr. Morrison: "I have."

In criminal cases?—Yes. You will agree that handwriting experts are not infallible?—Handwriting experts are not infallible.

Further cross-examination was reserved by counsel upon permission being granted from the bench for May 4.

A caretaker of the cemetery, Yan Tak-yun, stated that he had been employed for some seven years in the cemetery.

Non-Catholics were not permitted to be buried in the cemetery, he stated. However, he continued, during the Japanese occupation, the Japanese forced open the cemetery for these of other faiths.

He further stated that he had reason to suspect that even after the occupation non-Catholics were being buried in the cemetery.

His suspicion arose from the ashes of paper and joss sticks on graves.

"When I brought this to the attention of a witness went on, 'I was scolded and told that it was his (Almarino's) business and that he was the boss and had power to dismiss me.'"

Cross-examined by Mr. Arculli, witness said that he bore no ill feelings towards Almarino, and that what he had said about being scolded by Almarino was false.

An undertaker then gave evidence that since the occupation he had done business with Almarino four times, once concerning a genuine Catholic. He paid deceased \$200.

The case was adjourned to May 4.

Two Children Injured

A traffic mishap occurred just outside the Wanchai Market at 11.30 a.m. yesterday, when a lorry accidentally backed into two children injuring one of them seriously and the other slightly.

According to reports, Lorry No. 6110 stopped at the curb, after which the driver reversed gear. He however did not notice a woman and two children who were some distance behind the lorry, having their meal just off the sidewalk, with the result that he inadvertently backed his lorry into them.

The woman managed to jump to safety, but the children, aged five and one respectively, were hit. They were immediately taken to hospital by an ambulance.

GOLD BAN SAID ILL-ADVISED

A most incongruous position has arisen as a result of the ill-advised order issued in Hong Kong prohibiting dealing in and possession of gold. So states the current issue of the "Far Eastern Economic Review" in a fresh comment on the subject.

Nothing concrete, it added, can be achieved here by the gold ban. The British Treasury and the Importing International Monetary Fund should have properly appraised the situation here and taken a long look at the map showing Hong Kong in its geographic relation to the neighbouring countries before requesting the Hong Kong Government to institute the ban.

The "Review" stated that renewal here has been so unfavorable that the best course now appears to be to repeal the ban on gold possession while maintaining the prohibition on gold dealings.

At the same time the prohibition on printing and publishing of information on gold transactions must be rescinded as such an order is, to all newspapers in democratic countries, very repugnant, added the "Review".

The weekly publication added that while it is now, suddenly, prohibited to buy and sell gold freely and to own gold in Hong Kong there exist legally free and official gold markets in China, Macao, Philippines, Siam, Burma, Korea, while unofficial markets operate freely in Indo-China and Indonesia.

Black Market

Only in Malaya there exists a so-called black market which, nevertheless, is very active and does not suffer from persecution by the authorities who realise that they have to deal with Malays, Chinese and Indians and that their ideas cannot be changed by using force. Even in occupied Japan there operate gold markets which have not been suppressed by the Japanese Government as SCAP "suggestions" do not concern themselves with this business.

Within the Commonwealth there are a number of free gold markets operating. Indian gold exchanges are legal institutions and in Pakistan there are also official gold markets. The possession of gold in these two Dominions is, of course, legally protected but the import of gold, against US\$, is restricted.

In the Union of South Africa free gold markets do business although in deference to the IMF one talks there of semi-processed and 22 carat gold.

In the Union, the world's greatest producer (monthly average almost 1,000,000 ounces fine), there is very strong feeling about the fact that the country is compelled by rules laid down by the IMF to sell its biggest single export item at a sacrifice price of US\$35 an ounce the buyers being always the United States.

MR. MACDONALD ENDS HK VISIT

The Honourable Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner General for South East Asia, left Hong Kong yesterday with Mrs. MacDonald by a BOAC flying-boat returning to Singapore. The Commissioner General came to Hong Kong last week on an informal visit, during which he held discussions with various Government and military officials.

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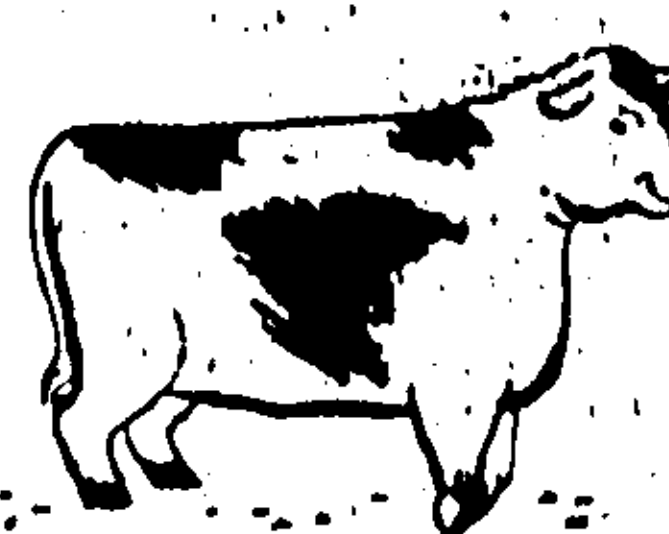
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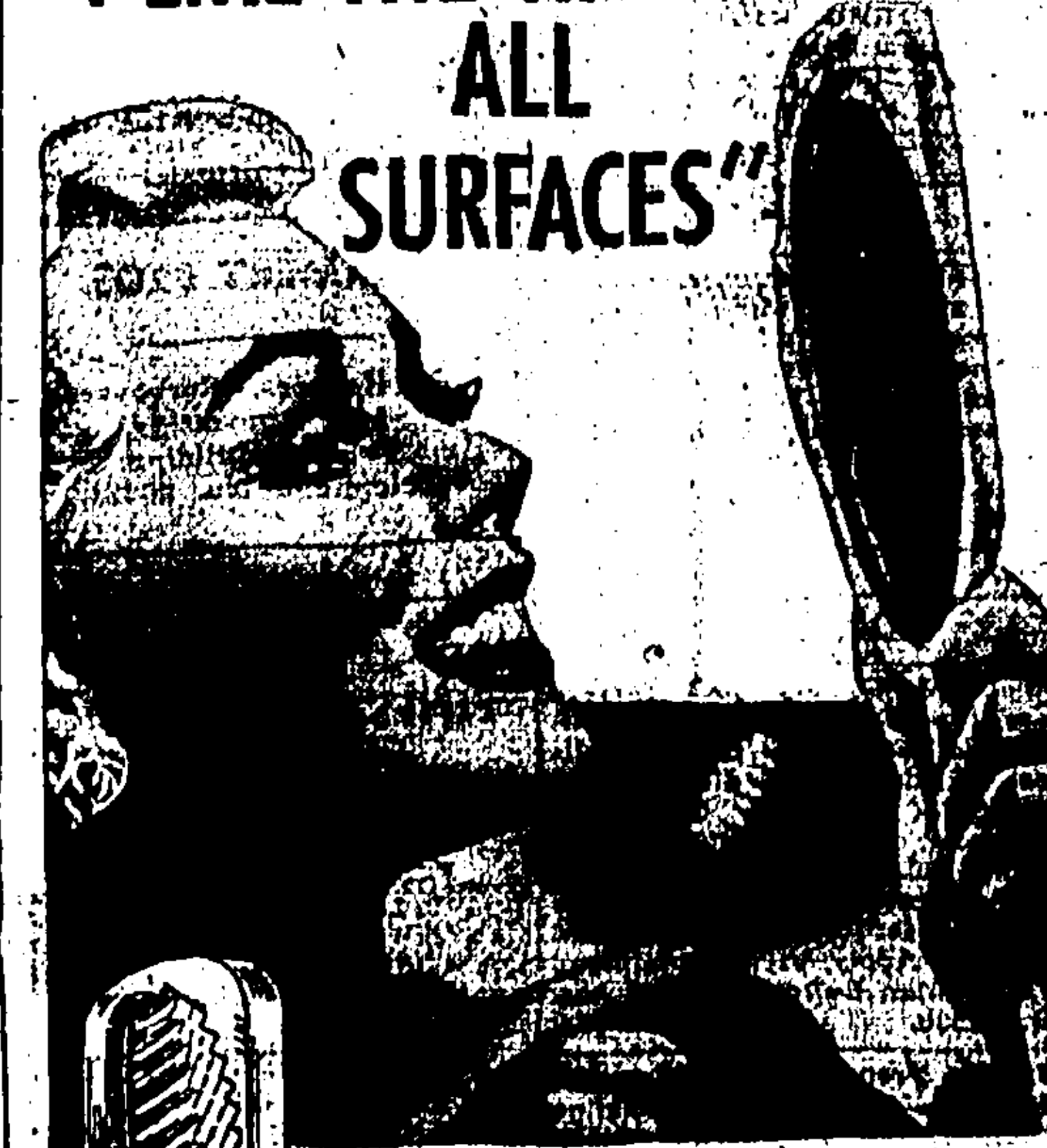
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Sleek Look For Marwyn Racing Car

The Marwyn 500 c.c. racing car, which has shown creditable paces since its introduction late in 1937, appears for the current season in a considerably revised form.

The basic layout remains unchanged but the modifications result in the transformation—and very marked enhancement—of the car's appearance, together with improved braking, engine cooling and, it is expected, general handling.

The basic structure comprises a simple channel section frame with the front wheels independently suspended on single wishbones articulating in conjunction with transverse quarter-elliptic springs, the effect of the latter being equivalent to a full-length all-wheel spring.

The tubular rear axle, differential-less, of course, is also carried on quarter-elliptic springs, although in this case they lie in the plane of the frame side members, which converge considerably towards the front of the chassis.

Power Unit

As before, the shock damping is frictional; the power unit is a speedway JAP engine with a compression ratio of 14 to 1 and an output on the right side of 40 b.h.p., while transmission is through a primary and a secondary chain with a four-speed Burman motor cycle gear box interposed.

The column of the Marles steering is positioned centrally in the cockpit.

In the new model the wheelbase is increased to seven feet, and the track is markedly crabbed—3ft 11in at the front and 3ft at the rear.

The motor cycle type wheels earlier employed are replaced by three-spoke pressed steel type, carrying 16 by 4.5in tyres. It is hoped shortly to make available special alloy wheels of 15in diameter.

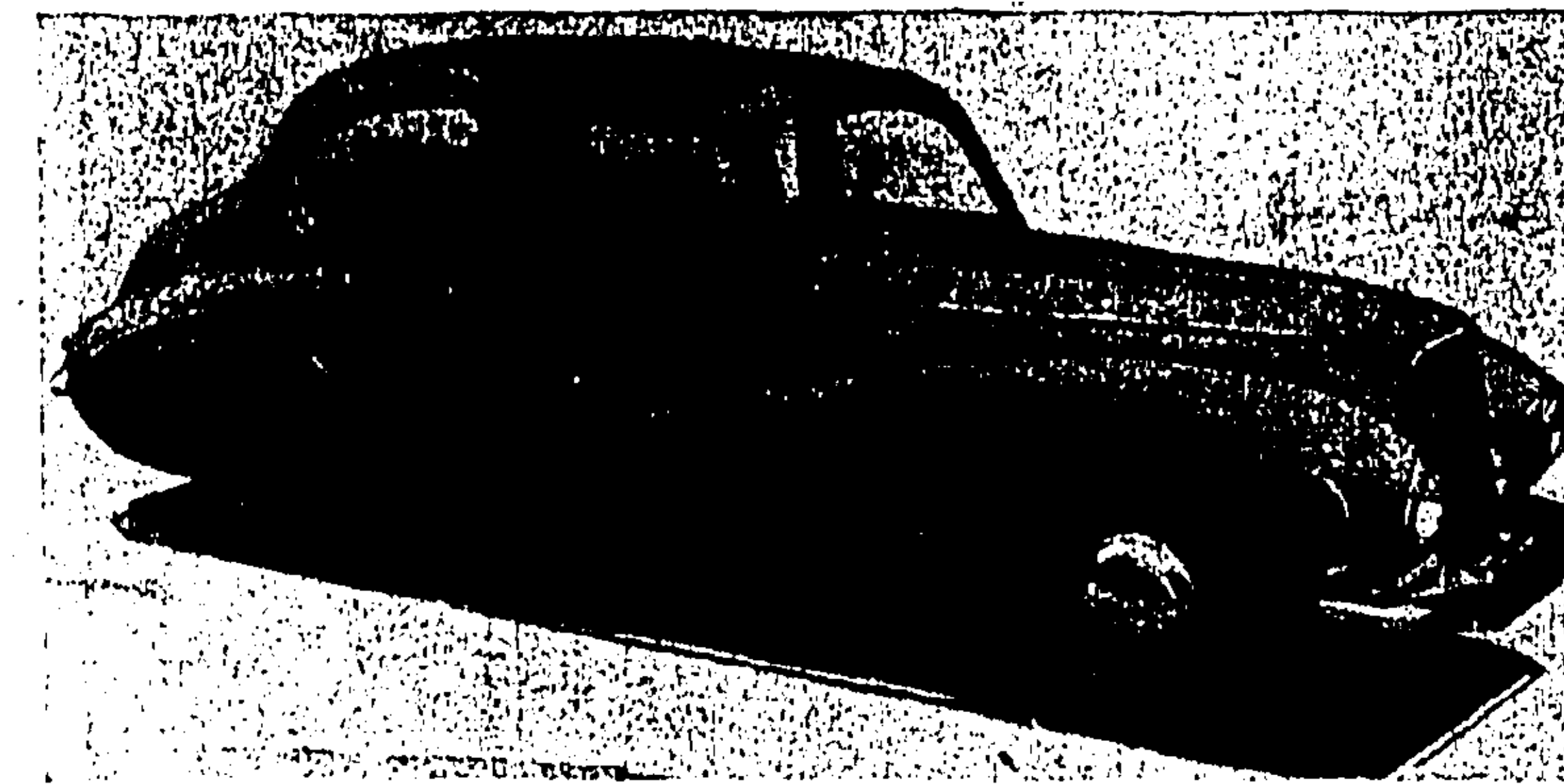
A Lockheed hydraulic braking system, with two-leading shoes at the front and eight-inch drums, supplants the smaller cable-operated brakes.

Squat Nose

With its low squat nose and contrastingly high streamlined head rest—the latter conceals the gravity fuel tank—the body would appear to have good aerodynamic qualities, an unusual feature being the provision at each extremity of mesh-covered vents of roughly matching shape.

The odd point about this is that the tail vent is functional, where as the corresponding one at the front is not, since it has blank plate immediately behind it. Actually, air for cooling purposes reaches the rear-placed engine through a scoop situated beneath the cockpit and not immediately visible.

From this scoop a special duct directs cooling air to the cylinder



Thoroughly modern styling, extending to partial enclosure of the rear wheels, results in a suggestion, no doubt emphasized by the slanting towards the nose, of eagerness and motion, at all events in some eyes. It is a four-door four-light style of body, with, however, the rearward pair of windows wider than usual.

Attractive Combination In Sunbeam-Talbot Car

In this car, the smaller of the two Sunbeam-Talbot current models, is found a decidedly attractive combination of quite impressive performance, modern appearance, and a variety of features in which very obviously the convenience and comfort of the user have been particularly studied.

Especially in the last-mentioned point it is typical of cars of the Rootes Group in possessing many well-thought-out items of equipment.

These may make no difference to the running of the car, but they do add up to notably increasing the pleasure of ownership and the convenience of everyday motoring.

The 80's performance, particularly in cruising speed and maximum speed, for what the latter point is worth, has handsomely exceeded the standards that might be expected of a car of this engine size.

The overhead valve engine is decidedly lively, as well as most satisfactorily smooth throughout its range, and provides fast, refined travel. In chassis dimensions and overall size of car the 80 is identical with the 2-litre 90 model, though in some respects, such as gear ratios, there are differences.

It is soon found that response to the throttle pedal is decidedly good, that there is not frequent need for gear changing in town traffic, or on the normal kind of main road gradient, and notably that the cruising speed can be high—around a genuine 60 m.p.h. It is an achievement in this size of engine that it should feel happy at so comparatively high a speed. The Sunbeam-Talbot 80 can, indeed, be held for miles at a stretch at considerably high speeds without showing distress, and without the oil pressure, indicated by a proper gauge, falling off.

The circumstances of the test provided exceptional opportunities of maintaining high speeds, owing to the fact that the car was

head, after which it has unrestricted escape passage through large meshed panels immediately flanking the engine, two further grilles high in the tail, and, lastly, the one already mentioned, at the rear extremity of the car.

Further to assist cooling the exhaust pipe passes out through a branch the body, just aft of the cockpit.

The small instrument board carries a central 6in r.p.m. counter, which is an extra, with a magneto cut-out switch on its left and an advance-and-retard control on its right.

ing to comparative freedom from traffic on the routes traversed, conditions which, of course, are always the ruling factor in leading to average speeds out of the ordinary.

Average Speed

Fortunately placed in this respect, the car averaged 48.5 m.p.h. over two consecutive hours, and on another occasion an average speed exceeding 60 m.p.h. was achieved over some 40 miles of a route that is exceptionally favourable as regards keeping the right foot hard down.

It is a quiet and soothing car for ordinary motoring, as distinct from getting from place to place in the shortest possible time, and the effect of the performance delivered, and also of the style of the car as a whole and of its appointments, is to make one feel that it has a bigger engine than in fact it has.

A quite stiff hill of 1 in 6½, maximum gradient was taken on third at second gear at a speed not falling below about 20 m.p.h.

A separate driving seat, with an easily operated adjustment for height and angle of back rest, as well as the usual fore and aft adjustment, enables a position to be obtained, as liked by many drivers, with a practically vertical back rest giving good support behind a thin-rimmed flexibly spoked steering wheel which is mounted nearly vertically.

The steering column, gear lever is well placed for the left hand and is light and definite in its movements; it would perhaps be better if the lever were spring loaded from the neutral position towards the top and third gear range of movement.

There is, however, a positive stop against unintentional engagement of reverse. It is one of the best examples of the now current form of gear change, and the special type of synchromesh used on second, third and top gears proves clash proof, whilst quick changing can be carried out if desired.

Likewise for the very well arranged driving position is increased

ed by the hand-brake lever being ideally placed between the separate front seats, thus there are no obstructions to the driver using the near-side door when he chooses.

Also vision is good through the wide, slightly curved windscreen. The right-hand wing can be seen, and the bonnet, falling away slightly towards the front, is not in any way obstructive, a point which was particularly appreciated in bad fog.

The smaller controls are thoroughly well arranged too, the starter switch in relation to the ignition switch, for instance; the anti-dazzle control is hand operated at the centre of the steering wheel, as well as the horn and traffic signal.

Comfort View

A driver now accustomed to to independent front wheel suspensions would be able to tell, even if the fact had been concealed from him before handling this car, that it had half-elliptic springs all round.

From the comfort point of view the riding is a satisfactory compromise between softness and firmness, and ordinary deteriorations in surface are little noticed; there are occasions, when greater lateral firmness would be appreciated for the fast cornering which the car's performance encourages. The steering is light, being fairly low geared, and has marked caster action, but it could possess more automatic sense of direction with advantage, or, in other words, increased self-steering tendencies.

The brakes are the latest Lockheed two-leading-shoe equipment. They slow the car well from speed without heavy pedal pressure being necessary, and come on with really decisive effect for an emergency pull-up at lower speeds when the pedal is pressed fairly hard, but still they are not unduly fierce in action.

As much as anything external about a car can produce such an impression, the driving position, and in particular the practically ideal mounting of the steering wheel, give a feeling of confidence and of control over the car.

The right foot is comfortable on a treadle type of throttle, and there is a convenient position for the left foot off the clutch pedal, a special rubber-covered rest being provided.

The clutch pedal movement is light, and the clutch action is smooth for starting, firm rest, which as a demonstration of smoothness, but not necessarily for regular use, can be carried out on the level on second gear. The gears are satisfactorily quiet.

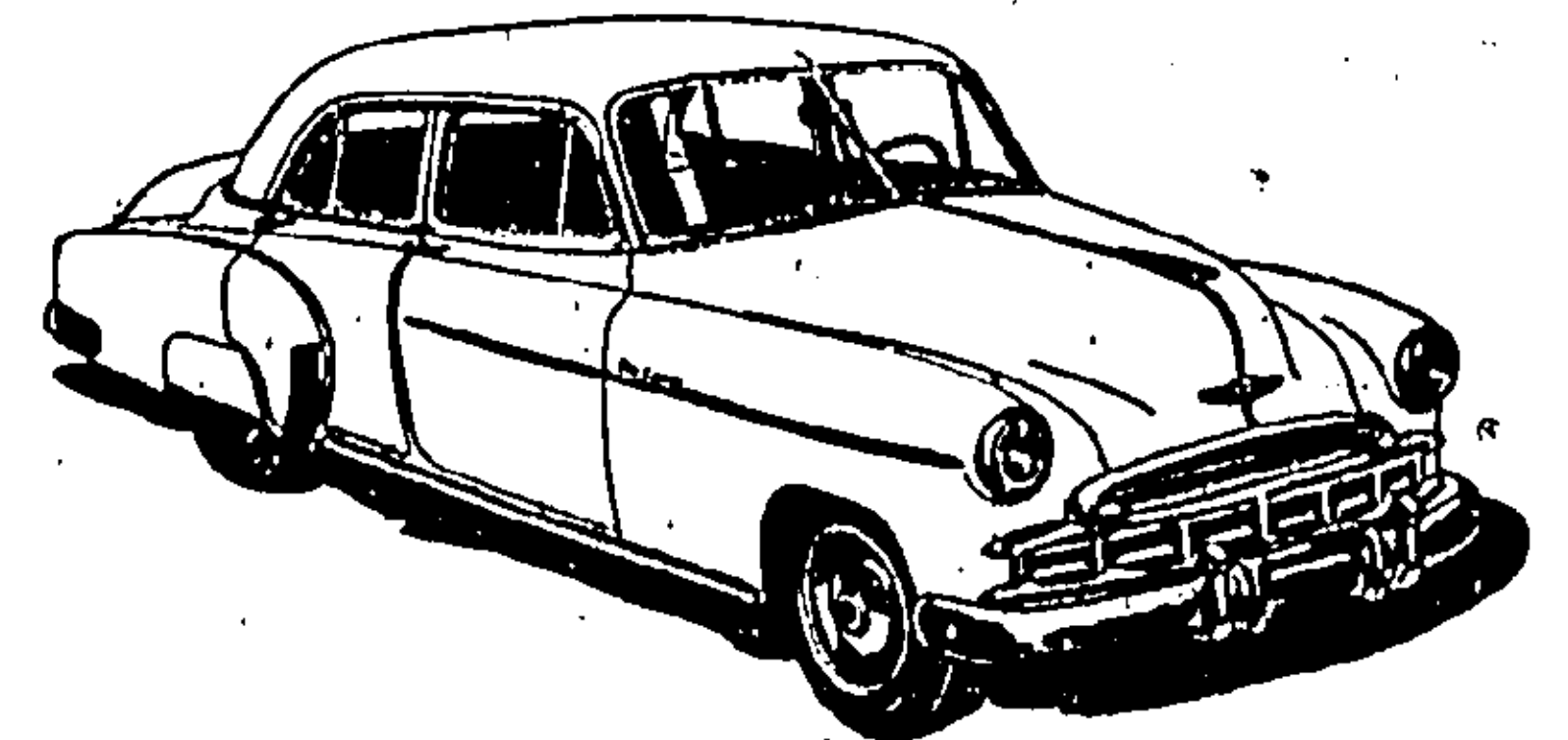
There is good leg room in the rear compartment, as well as in the front for both driver and passenger, and at the rear a central folding arm rest is provided in addition to elbow rests.

The upholstery is in good quality leather, and the whole style of the interior is neat and appealing. The front passenger's window, as well as the driver's, has a quick-action lever control for raising and lowering it. A sliding roof is fitted, but not a rear window blind, and a very satisfactory view behind is given by the driving mirror, which is mounted at the base of the windscreen.



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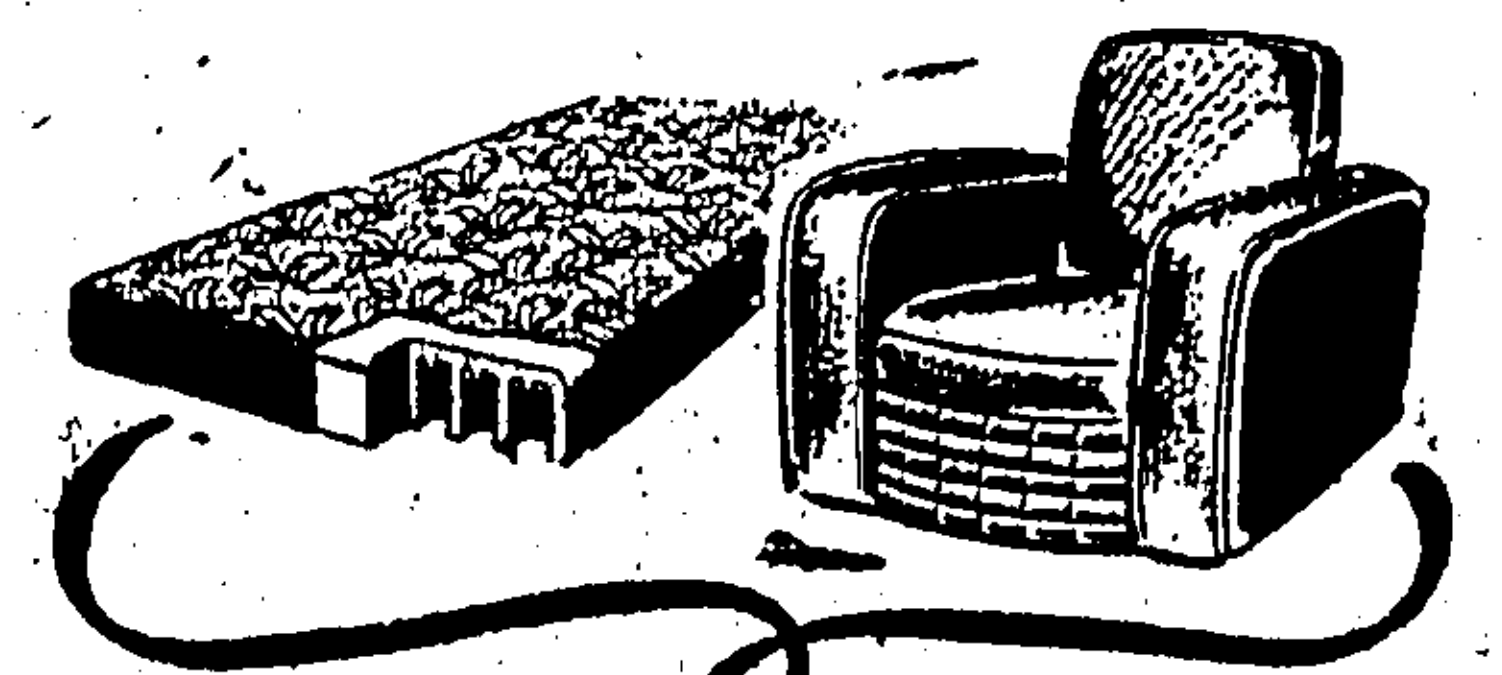
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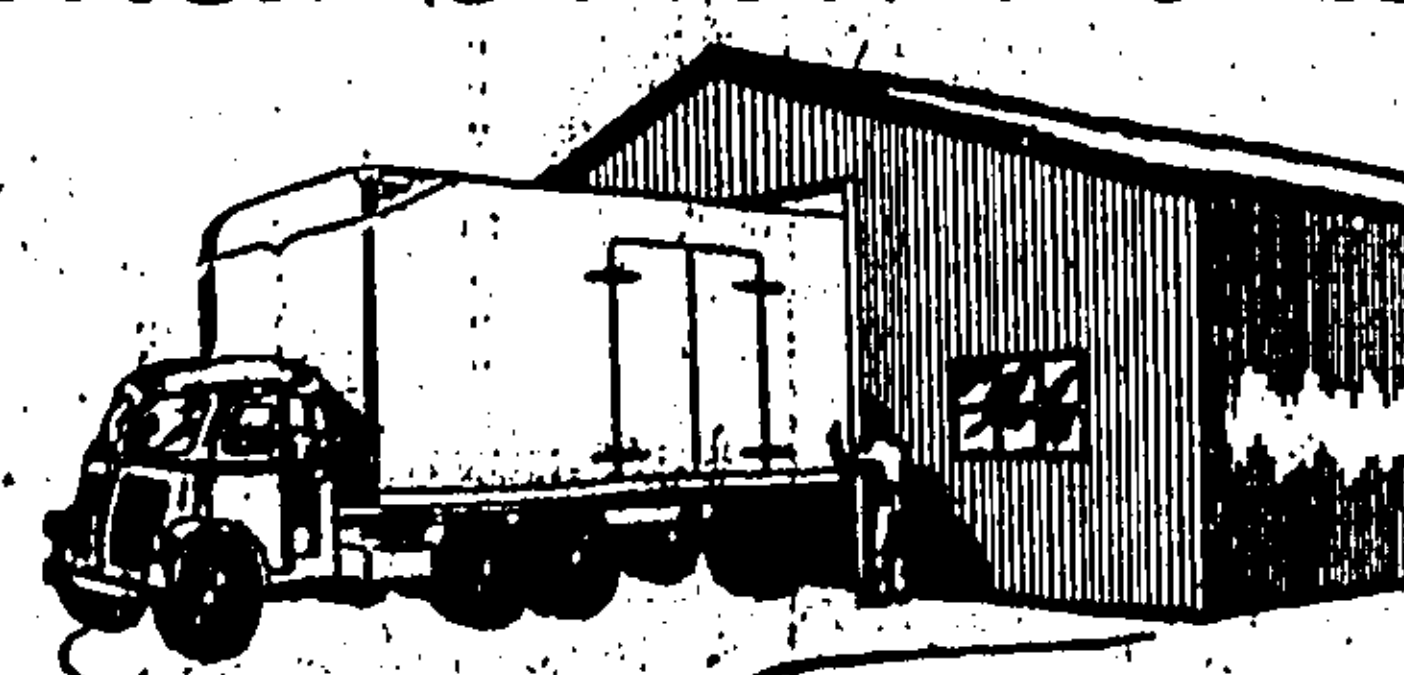
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HOPES RISING FOR BLOCKADE LIFTING

London, April 28.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, will have the next word in the exchanges between the Western powers and Soviet Russia on the lifting of the Berlin blockade.

The oral agreement between Dr. Jessup and M. Jacob Malik is understood to be for a simultaneous lifting of the restrictions on transportation, communications and trade between the Eastern and Western Zones, and between the Western Zones and Berlin.

It also agrees on the holding of a Council of Foreign Ministers to discuss the overall problem after the restrictions are lifted.

The time-table will probably be based on an attempt to complete the Council meeting by mid-June. Following three or four weeks for the Ministers' discussion, this would mean the lifting of the restrictions some time in May.

Previous experience of the meetings of the Council of Foreign Ministers make Western observers apprehensive that Moscow may use a new meeting for purposes other than reaching an agreement.

These fears can be effectively dispelled only by a practical demonstration by a Russian deputation that it wishes to get down to business and not to drag out the negotiations for the purpose of public statements of policy.

Today's signature by the United States and the five Western powers to the Ruhr Authority agreement is regarded as evidence that the Western powers do not intend to interrupt their plans for Western Germany.

A senior Western diplomat at Lake Success forecasts that Big Four talks will soon be held in New York to make final arrangements to lift the blockade and arrange a meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers. He said it can be expected that representatives of Britain, the United States, France and Russia will confer within a week to set the dates for lifting the blockade and the Council meeting and also arrange technical details of both moves.

Assurances By Russia

He predicted that the Ministers' talks on Germany can be arranged in the final week of May.

It is confirmed that the Russian delegate, Jacob Malik, gave the American delegates, Philip Jessup, assurances that the blockade of Berlin can be lifted if the Western Powers lift their counter-blockade simultaneously. He said it can be expected that the Big Four meeting, Malik asked for time to obtain official confirmation from M. Vyshinsky. The Western source doubts the reports that the Berlin blockade will be lifted within three or four days, adding that if this is true, the Russians would have to do it unilaterally since final details

have yet to be worked out during informal talks with British, American, French and Soviet representatives.

Malik evaded direct questions on the progress of the Berlin talks when he arrived in Flushing for the plenary session of the Assembly, but when asked if he is optimistic, Malik replied grinning: "We Russians are always optimistic."

British Optimism

In London, Foreign Office sources said yesterday that Britain is optimistic that Russia will soon lift the blockade.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that Dr. Philip Jessup, American UN delegate, had read to Jacob A. Malik, Soviet delegate, a statement on behalf of the American, British and French Governments outlining their terms and conditions for fixing a date for a new big four conference on the German question. The spokesman said that the talks with Malik have not reached the stage at which an agenda for a new big four Foreign Ministers' meeting has been examined in detail.

Obviously the German peace settlement as a whole will be discussed, he said. Whether other outstanding East-West differences can be set down for big four discussion remains an open question, he added.

In Washington, President Truman said he believes the Russians are acting in good faith in their new moves towards lifting the blockade. Mr. Truman told a press conference that if he had not thought the Russian feelers were advanced in sincerity the United States would not be continuing their conversations on the matter. These conversations have now reached the stage of definite action with the next move up to Russia, he said.

Railways Ready

In Frankfurt, the Bizonal Railway Administration said that the West German railways have been told to prepare for a resumption of traffic with the Russian Zone within a few hours of the word go. The directives, which had been prompted by the East-West "peace" talks, were issued after

Nationalist Spirit In Germany

Washington, April 28. General Lucius D. Clay, in a letter to Representative Jacob Javits, said today that the Nationalist spirit is cropping up again in Germany but is not receiving sufficient popular support to be dangerous at this time.

"We can suppress it by running it underground or watch it quietly to see if better forces in Germany can prevent its growth before we take action. I think the latter course is more advisable," —United Press.

consultations with the Western Allied authorities.

In Paris, French official circles are confident that the Berlin blockade will be lifted in a relatively short time. No official statement is immediately available on the German-Soviet talks on Germany pending further information from Washington, but usually well-informed diplomatic sources share the optimism expressed by President Truman about their outcome. —Reuter, United Press and Associated Press.

AGREEMENT ON RUHR SIGNED IN LONDON

London, April 28.

The agreement to establish an International Authority for the Ruhr was signed at the Foreign Office today.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, signed for Britain, M. Rene Massigli, the French Ambassador, and Mr. Julius Holmes, the American Minister in London, for the United States.

The Belgian Ambassador, Vicomte Oberg de Thieules, the Netherlands Ambassador, Jonckheer E. Michiels Van Verduynen, and the Luxembourg Minister, M. Andre Clausen, signed on behalf of their Governments.

single joint delegate to represent the three Zones, shortly to be merged.

At Duesseldorf

Britain's representative on the Council of the Authority, announced by the Foreign Office tonight, will be Mr. H. Vaughan Berry, present Regional Commissioner for Hamburg.

A Paris message tonight said M. Maurice Delann, French Ambassador in Prague, has been appointed France's representative.

The Authority at its first meeting will also have to organize a Permanent Secretariat and determine the rules of procedure.

Duesseldorf, key Rhine-Ruhr industrial town with a population of about 420,000, will be the seat of the new six-power Ruhr Authority, set up by the agreement, a British official statement issued in Duesseldorf stated.

The German authorities have been instructed to find office accommodation in the town for about 100 people. —Reuter.

ACHESON'S THREE POINTS

New York, April 28.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, tonight laid down three principles which, he said, the Government considers essential in any satisfactory solution of the German problem.

Mr. Acheson said the United States considers there must be a continuance of the plan for a West German Government and the absorption of such arrangements in a general solution for Germany, protection of the security interests of the European community and a peaceful and orderly solution of Germany's future.

Mr. Acheson said: "The people of Western Germany may rest assured that this Government will agree to no general solution for Germany into which the basic safeguards and benefits of the existing Western Germany arrangements would not be absorbed. The people of Western Europe may rest assured that this Government will agree to no arrangements concerning Germany which do not protect the security interests of the European community." —Reuter.

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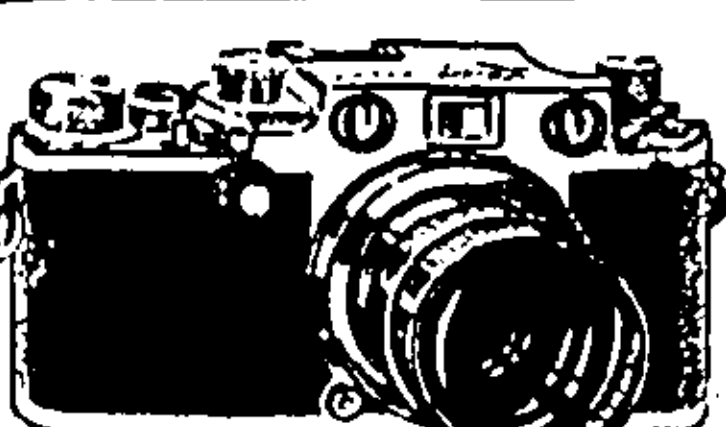
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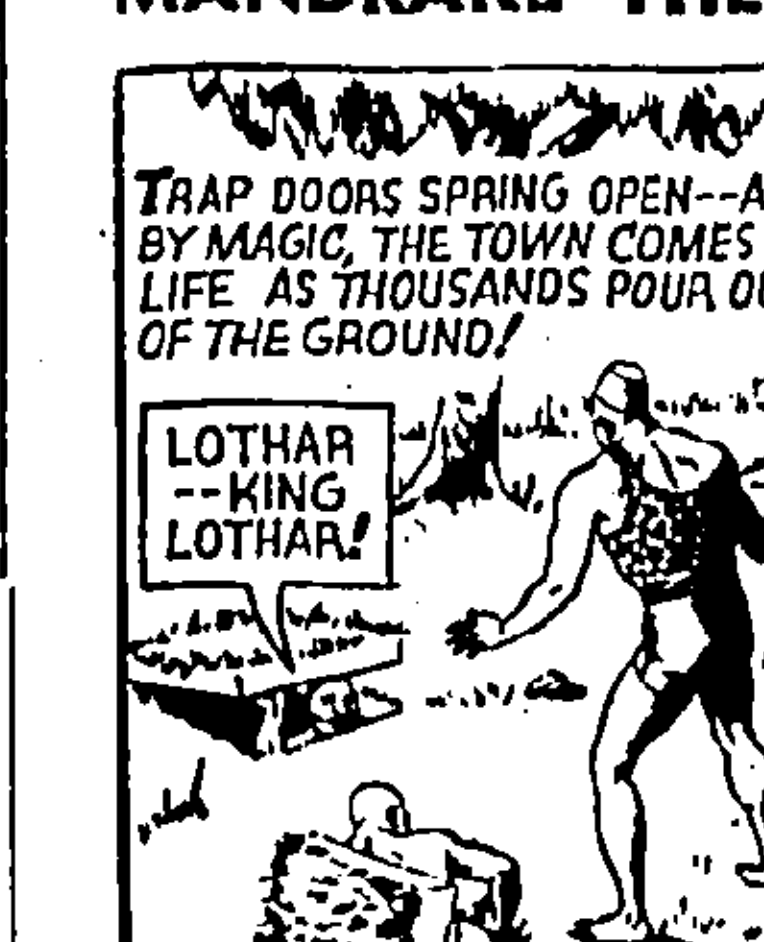
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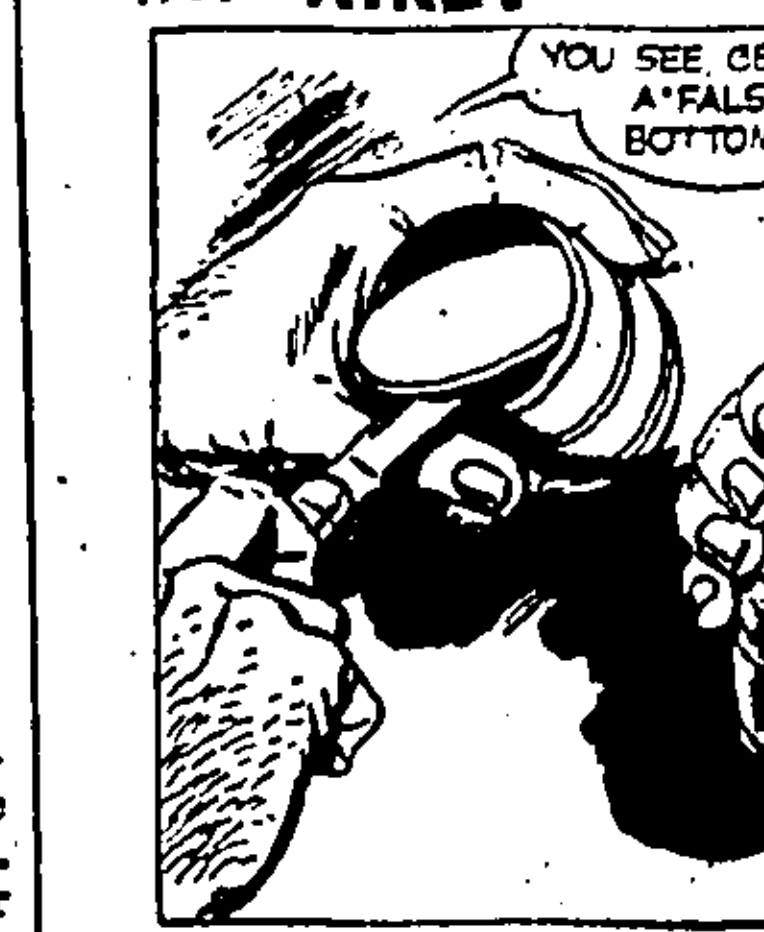
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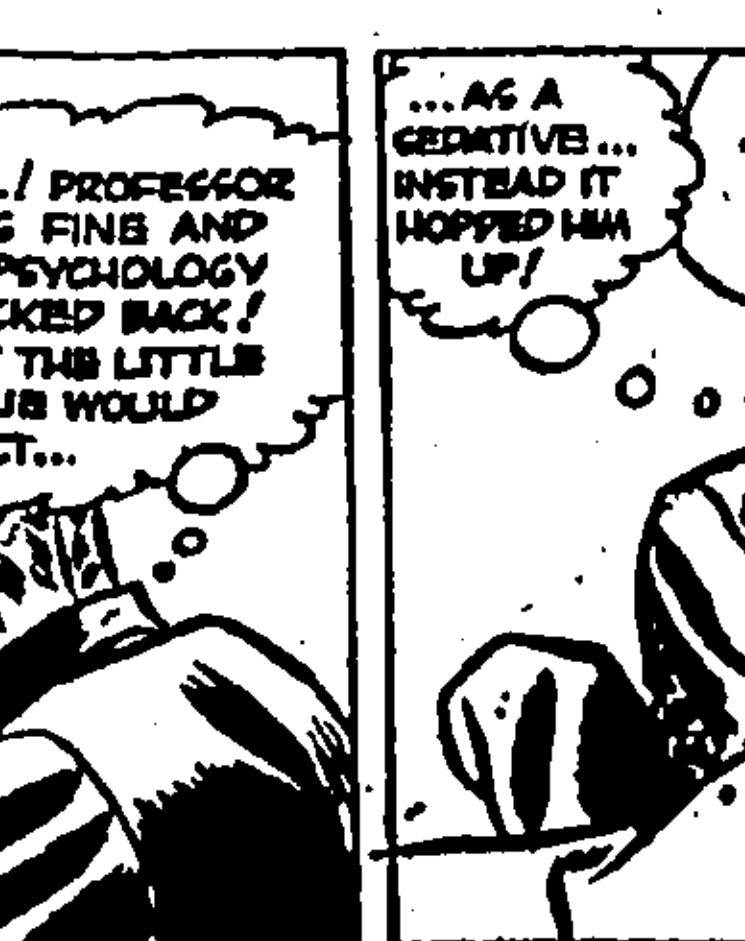
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BALANCE SWINGING TO WORLD PEACE

Washington, April 28.

The growing opposition of the non-Communist world is swinging the balance towards the forces favouring peaceful progress.

The chief United States delegate to the United Nations, Mr. Warren Austin, said this today to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussing the Atlantic Pact.

Mr. Austin said the pact is a shield under which United Nations purposes can be more rapidly achieved in the North Atlantic area.

"It certainly did not conceive that the Soviet Union would so brazenly violate the solemn Charter pledge to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of other States," he said.

While most of the world is seeking to build a system of collective security, the Soviet Union seeks security through territorial aggrandisement," he added.

This feudalistic conception of security had thrown its black mantle over every country after country in Eastern Europe.

Only decisive action by the United Nations, supported effectively by the United States, had prevented Persia, Greece and Korea from being drawn into the shadows.

Mr. Austin said the increasing unity of the non-Soviet world is being demonstrated in the United Nations. Two years ago, there had been a widespread tendency to regard major differences simply as a conflict of interests between the United States and Russia.

The actions and the attitude of the Soviet Union inside and outside the United Nations have altered the situation, Mr. Austin said. "Today, most major issues are recognised as a conflict between the Communist areas and the rest of the world."

The United States is assisting in a great co-operative effort because they know that a healthy Europe is a strong force for peace and a vital element in a strong United Nations.

The Republican Doubts

The treaty would not take the place of, or weaken, the United Nations, he added. It would not mean a resumption of the practice of setting up a power equilibrium. It could lift the cause of peace above any level yet attained.

Mr. Austin spoke up as two Republican leaders expressed new doubt about the pact. Senator Robert Taft and the

Senator Republican leader, Kenneth Wherry, declared that Mr. Dean Acheson (U.S. Secretary of State) made it clear that the Senators backing the Atlantic pact must vote to help rearm Europe. Senator Taft said: "I don't know how I will vote on the whole business."—Reuter and United Press.

Missionaries In North China

Chinese Communists in North China appear to be exerting pressure to squeeze out missionaries, according to the Rev. William T. Blackstone of the Christ Church mission at Canton.

The last we heard from our people in Peking," the Rev. Blackstone said, "they were confined to an area within a block or two of the house."

The Rev. Blackstone said that the Peking missionaries were also forbidden to hold public meetings, so that their work had practically come to a standstill.

"We haven't heard directly from them for some time now," he added.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

SABOTAGE INCREASES IN POLISH INDUSTRY

Warsaw, April 29.

The Polish Government claims that all basic industries still are exceeding monthly production targets, but apparently all is not well behind the scenes.

Trials of factory directors and managers for "economic sabotage" are becoming more frequent.

Communist newspapers are criticizing those workers who lag in filling their production "norms" or targets.

Government officials are demanding an end to "wasteful" industrial practices.

A national savings conference in Warsaw, attended by 1,000 directors of industries and trades union officials, was told that the country must save P15,000,000,000 Zlotys (£71,875,000) on production costs this year.

Such incidents as these have become almost a daily occurrence somewhere in Poland.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The Market this week has been the plaything of disordered nerves.

There are no tangible reasons for the manner in which shares have been dumped of which the holder type of buyer has taken advantage.

A fair quantity of the more popular counters has been absorbed but at a price which is not warranted by the current fortunes of the Companies.

The following dividend has been declared—China Emporium, 80 cents and bonus of 20 cents per share both tax free.

Wages Complaint

A military tribunal in Katowice recently sentenced five industrial plant managers to four to ten years imprisonment for selling coal to private enterprises.

Another tribunal announced it would shortly try six high officials of a state brick factories combine on charges of sabotage.

The Government recently ordered a 10 per cent general boost in wages.

But throughout the country, many workers complain that wages have failed to keep pace with increased living costs.

India-Pakistan Customs Union?

New Delhi, April 29.

India's Commerce Minister envisaged the possibility of a customs union with Pakistan in the near future.

K. C. Neogy, the Minister, said economic union would be the ideal solution but the time is not ripe for it.

He said India has recently liberalized her export policy to Pakistan and is also examining the possibility of a joint economic policy with the other Dominion.—Associated Press.

Money Market

A renewed rush to buy US dollars again pushed the price up yesterday, and at the close of the market it was up to HK\$13.12.

The opening quotation was HK\$12.90, compared with HK\$12.85 the previous afternoon.

It was sold at HK\$12.85.

Plastics opened at HK\$10.00 a 100, and after dropping to HK\$9.50, went up to HK\$10.05. At the close the rate was HK\$10.05.

Prices were unchanged at HK\$24.10 a 100.

NEI Guilders were easier at HK\$82.50 a 100.

Sterling was up a cent to HK\$10.05, and Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$13.20.

IRANIAN OIL

London, April 29.

The Iranian Ambassador, Mr. Razi, conferred last night with the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, on negotiations for a new agreement between Iran and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

Talks on a new agreement have been held on and off since last August. They concern oil royalties, and the Iranian Government is asking a bigger share of the Company's profits.—Associated Press.

GRAIN GLUT

Washington, April 29.

The United States is on the verge of a glut conditions, according to reports reaching the Agriculture Department on the eve of the winter wheat harvest.

Indications are that, after all United States domestic needs are met this year, approximately 1,000,000 bushels will remain over.—Reuter.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 29.

The stock market slipped downward under languid selling.

Only 770,000 shares changed hands. Of 950 issues traded, 516 lost and 228 gained.

Steel issues were generally slower. Traders were generally slower.

Reports of General Motors and Du Pont changes were mostly minor fractions.

Heavily traded issues included Pepsicola, down 1/4 at 10 1/4, Packard, off 1/4 at 33 1/4, Liggett and Myers, up 1/4 at 70 1/4.

New York averages: Stocks: 32.68; 20 Industrials 17.88; 11 Rails 47.27; 10 Utilities 35.31.

Closing quotations:

Alaska Petroleum: 18 1/4

American Can: 31 1/4

American Telephone: 14 1/4

American Waterworks: 7 1/4

Anacosta Copper: 30

Aviation Corporation: 4 1/4

Baldwin Locomotive: 10 1/4

Bigelow: 48 1/4

Bonita Aviation: 8 1/4

Bethlehem Steel: 30

Burlington: 21

Canon: 40 1/4

Canadian Pacific: 12

C. I. Case: 35

Chrysler: 50 1/4

Coke: 22 1/4

Commercial Union: 10 1/4

Corn Products: 6 1/4

Du Pont: 18 1/4

Eastman Kodak: 41 1/4

Electric Light & Power: 23 1/4

General Electric: 30 1/4

General Motors: 67 1/4

Gladfelter: 42 1/4

Goodrich: 27 1/4

Homebrew: 10 1/4

International Harvester: 23 1/4

International Paper: 40 1/4

International Tel. & Tel.: 9 1/4

Johannesburg: 44 1/4

Kentworth: 34 1/4

Montgomery Ward: 62 1/4

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—Associated Press.

FOREIGN TRADE DROP IN U.S.

Washington, April 29.

United States foreign trade dropped again in February, as it did in January, the Census Bureau says.

Exports of goods in February totalled US\$1,082,100,000, a decline of US\$57,800,000 from January and US\$80,000,000 from February, 1948.

Imports in February totalled US\$567,900,000, a decline of US\$21,400,000 from January and US\$14,300,000 from February, 1948.

LONDON STOCKS

London, April 29.

Prices on the stock exchange were generally steady in light trading.

Cable and Wireless was active, gaining 2 1/2. Cable and Wireless holds its annual meeting today (Friday).

Oils were dull. Mining shares improved selectively. Support firm for Brazilian rails.

Financial Times Index: 115.9 unchanged.—Associated Press.

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Battle Of Giants Tomorrow

(By "ROVER")

A "battle of giants" is expected at Boundary Street tomorrow when Kowloon Motor Bus entertain Kit Chee in a First Division soccer game, the result of which will in all probability decide the runners-up position.

Kowloon Motor Bus are one point ahead of their nearest rivals, Chinese Athletic, with the same number of games played. A win for the busmen tomorrow will assure them of the runners-up position, whereas a draw, provided Chinese Athletic also win their match against Eastern today, will necessitate a play-off.

The best match on the programme this afternoon should be that between St. Joseph's and Royal Navy on the Club Ground at Happy Valley.

The Navy, although holding practically a new line-up, last week, caused a big upset by holding the formidable Chinese Athletic XI to a goal-less draw at Boundary Street.

If the sailors can field the same team for today's game and the players reproduce the form which they displayed against Athletic, the chances are that they will beat the Saints.

St. Joseph's performance against South China "A" last Sunday was most disappointing; their forwards, usually most dangerous when within striking distance, failed atrociously. Even Xavier, whose powerful shooting has earned him wide repute, was guilty of fumbling the most simple of scoring chances.

Chinese Athletic, who will be the guests of Eastern at Caroline Hill, should have no difficulty in taking points from their hosts who have had difficulty in raising a team of late. Kit Chee, who have not been having the best of luck in their two recent matches against Army and Kit Chee, will visit Boundary Street, where they are due to meet Kwong Wah. An easy win for the Club is expected.

Turning to tomorrow's games, there is no doubt but that all teams will lead to Boundary Street, where Kowloon Motor Bus and Kit Chee meet in a "needle match".

The busmen are facing a very stiff hurdle and if they hope to take both points and thus make sure of the runners-up position, they will have to be at their best. Kit Chee have indicated that they will not be granting their opponents any quarter, but will field their strongest team in a bold bid to upset the ambitions of the busmen.

A lot will depend on the ability of the Kit Chee defence to hold the nippy KMB forwards, particularly Tung Yee-Kit. In their match against Club on Wednesday, the Kit Chee defenders were not very impressive, and unless these weaknesses were tightened, the busmen should just make the grade.

Kit Chee also possess a very virile attack and if it can get into its stride from the start, the KMB defence will have to be on its toes.

All things taken into consideration, this game should prove to be a running affair provided, of course, that the players do not allow themselves to be carried away by the occasion and resort to doubtful tactics.

Entries For Tennis Leagues

That entries would be invited for seven tennis leagues this year, was decided at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association held yesterday in the office of Messrs. Lo and Lo, Alexandra Building.

If sufficient entries are received from Clubs, the minimum being four, the leagues to be run are A, B and C Divisions for Men, A and B Divisions for Mixed, and A and B for Ladies.

Entries will close on May 10, and the first league games will be played on May 24.

In the absence of Mr. H. Owen-Hughes, who is away on leave, Mr. Lo Man-wai, the Vice-President, took the chair.

Minutes of the last General Meeting and Report and Accounts for the year were unanimously accepted.

The following were elected office-bearers for the coming year:

President: Mr. H. Owen-Hughes (re-elected).
Vice-President: Mr. Daniel Chan (re-elected).

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Ho Ka-lau (re-elected).
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. G. A. Noronha (re-elected).

Committee: Mr. J. W. Leonard (re-elected).
Mr. O. R. Sadick (re-elected).

It was decided that seven leagues as mentioned be run this year, if there are sufficient entries.

Proposed by Mr. H. A. Noronha and seconded by Mr. O. R. Sadick, the motion "that where a Club should enter two or more teams in the same division, those teams should be considered as opponents and their players should not be interchangeable" was adopted.

The meeting also passed a resolution that Clubs affiliated to the Association will begin this year pay an annual affiliation fee of \$20 each.

A suggestion was made by Mr. H. A. Noronha that should a Club have a hard and long season, it should be allowed to nominate the type of court it will use throughout the year. This was carried by the meeting.

Mr. Capell brought up the question of clubs postponing their matches due to their inability of raising their teams. He said under the Rules, postponements are only allowed on account of bad weather.

Meeting decided that Club should in future adhere strictly to this rule.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a unanimous vote of thanks to the Acting Chairman Mr. Lo Man-wai for presiding at the meeting and use of his office, was passed.

Present were Capt. R. F. Crichton (HOF), A. J. Doyle (RAF), (KCC), A. V. White (KCC), E. J. D. Macleod (HKCC), D. P. Cooper (LRC), R. C. Capell (USRC), Lee Wai-tong (CRC), O. R. Sadick (IRC), George Lin (Kowloon Tong), Albert Chan (South China), A. Noronha (Recreo), D. M. A. Razaek (IRC), J. W. Leonard (CCL), Ho Ka-lau (Secretary), G. A. Noronha (Treasurer).

School Football League
SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1949
Senior Division
La Salle vs. Queen's, Club grd. 11.00 a.m.

Junior Division
Wantsai (pm) vs. Wah Ying, St. Joseph's 10.00 a.m.
A-Chinese (am) vs. Wantsai (am), St. Joseph's, 11.00 a.m.
A-Chinese (am) vs. Queen's Club, 10.00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1949
Senior Division
Queen's vs. Diocesan, Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.
Ying Wah vs. Yau-mat, Navy, 4.00 p.m.

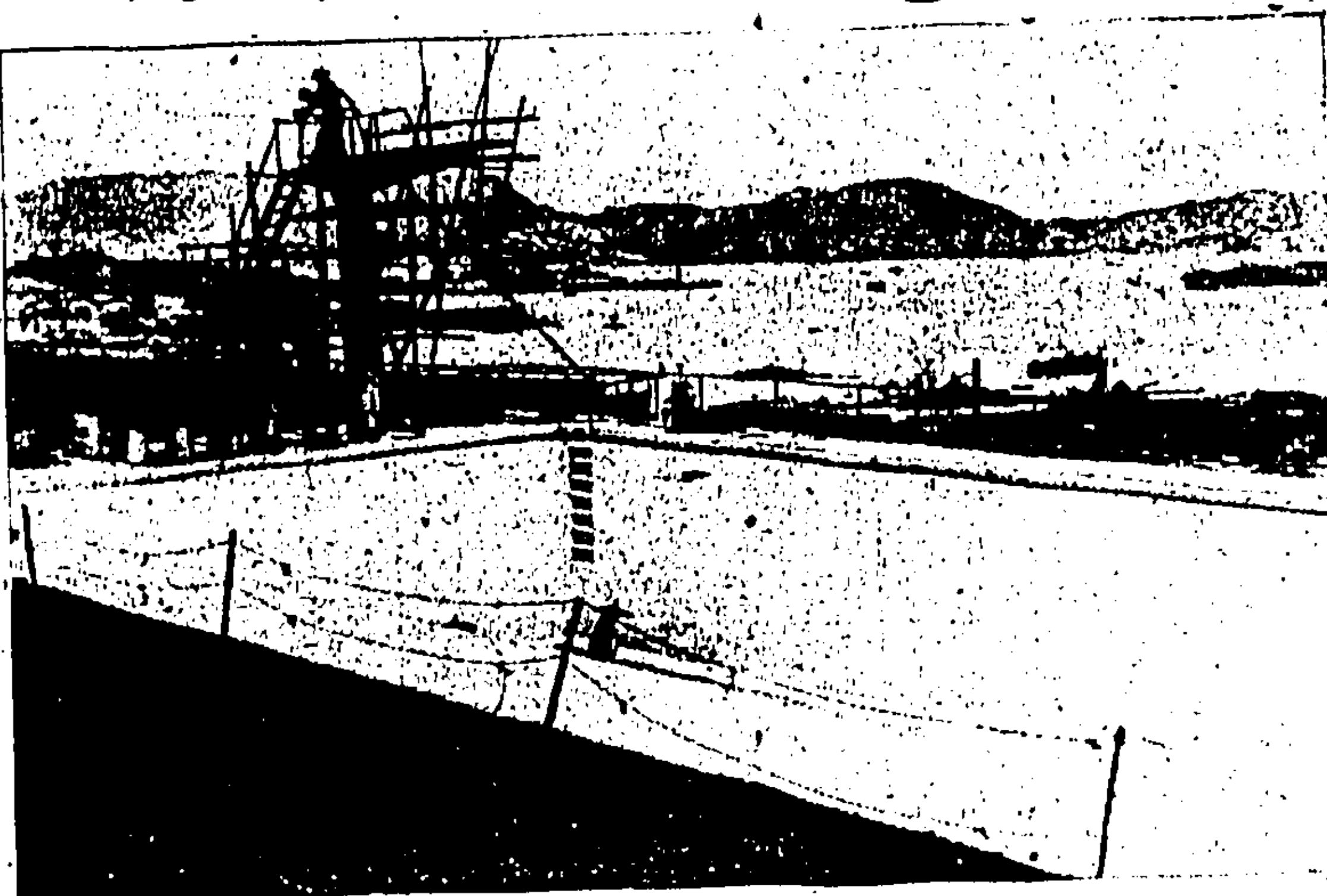
Junior Division
A-Chinese (am) vs. Wantsai (pm), St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.
FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1949
Senior Division
Ying Wah vs. Wah Ying, Army, 11.00 a.m.

MOONDAY, MAY 9, 1949
La Salle vs. St. Joseph's, St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.
Referees will be appointed by Captain J. Chishill S.O. PT.

TEERING OFF TIMES
OLD COURSE, SUNDAY, MAY 1
9.25 J.D. Macleod vs. J. Martham
9.35 to 10.00 C.M. Young Cup Final
9.45 G.D. Carter vs. A.E. Lissman
9.55 W.H. Lloyd vs. M.G. Gardner
10.05 J. Potts vs. G. Stewart
10.15 J.J. Cowperthwaite vs. E.H. Mackay
10.25 Macleod vs. H.W. Smith
10.35 K.A. Mason vs. J. Linker
10.45 D. Draklin vs. J.D. Claver
10.55 F. Acott vs. R.G. Riddar
11.05 G.D. Macleod vs. J.J. Macleod
11.15 A. Duffy vs. J.L. Wright
11.25 G.M. Fryer vs. G. Woolhouse

BASKETBALL
Following are the results of basketball games played at the Chinese YMCA:
Wah Yan 78, OAA 27
Yu Choy 77, Fong Lam 89

A New Swimming Pool



The Ladies Recreation Club's brand new \$150,000 swimming pool is due for its initiation at 3.30 this afternoon. The opening ceremony will include a diving and swimming exhibitions by reigning Colony champions. Among those taking part will be Lionel Rosa-Pereira (fancy diving), Wilfred Lawrence, and Gerry Rosa-Pereira and the Anderson sisters.

—("China Mail" Photo).

Shell Beats APL At Softball

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Shell continued their winning streak in the Inter-Hong Softball League by shellacking APL Hurler Eddie Carmo for 14 blows to register a 22-7 triumph in a mid-week game.

Winning slabster Chippie Remedios fanned six Eagles and walked three, while Eddie Carmo passed eight to first base when he failed to locate the plate.

The Oilers started off with a three run spurge when Kitchee clouted a single while Gutierrez walked. Bill "Two-ton" Howard then smacked a rousing two bagger for two markers and dented the rubber when Dick Silva poled out a safety.

The Eagles replied with a lone tally and were blanked in the next frame while Shell added two more runs.

Shell's hitting power came to the fore again in the third when our runs crossed the plate on timely hits by Tony Mead and Chippie Remedios. The fifth and sixth were "bit innings" for the Oilers as they batted around in both innings to chalk up 10 runs, featuring distance clouts by Spiky Gutierrez, Chippie Remedios and Hal Wingle.

Last Ditch Rally
In the bottom half of the sixth, APL staged a last ditch rally by crossing the pay-off station with four markers when they had the hassocks choked twice in the same semester.

In the final frame the Oilers caught matters with a three-run uprising and hurler Chippie Remedios really tightened the screws when he had APL left gardener Walton on three pitches. Bridge bounced out for the second enure and Gaspar "Gaby" Remedios moved to the plate in the batting order.

The first pitch was a perfect strike and Gaby only managed to disturb the air. The second pitch was fouled for strike two. Gaby passed up a floater for ball one, but on the next pitch Chippie Remedios had Gaby fooled from the time the ball left his hands, and Gaby tumbled ignominiously on a dipper.

Scoring prodigy Eddie Loureiro recorded three safeties by each of Hucklai Kitchell, Hal Wingle and Chippie Remedios; both Kitchell and Remedios also clouted a triple apiece to their credit. Tommy Chan for APL singled and doubled in his four trips to the plate.

No Mid-Week Games
In view of the Association's reluctance to arrange Hong Kong games for mid-week play-off although requested by all the players concerned, a full three game programme will be played off tomorrow as usual.

Shell will be faced with a serious challenge from Stauvo in the feature game at 11 a.m. Alvaro Omandu's Pegasusmen suffered a surprise setback in the opening game of the popular loop when they fell victims to a strong Gibb side. In this crucial tilt, Luigi Gonnino has been assigned to take-over leading duties for the Flying Horsemen against Shell's Chippie Remedios.

Flashy HMCS "Crescent" is back in town again and before they meet Charlie Figueredo's Portuguese line next week an exhibition exhibition against a pick-up side has been fixed for tomorrow at 3.30 p.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club Fixtures

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, one or two alterations have had to be made in the Kowloon Cricket Club fixtures and now the following matches are down to be played as under:

SATURDAY, APRIL 30:
Mrs. Lo and Wiggins vs. Miss Figueredo and A. E. P. Guest.

SUNDAY, MAY 1:
W. Gillies and A. V. White vs. J. Ridsdale and C. S. Rolfe.
Mr. and Mrs. A. V. White vs. Mr. and Mrs. J. Horsman.

MONDAY, MAY 2:
Miss Ribeiro vs. Winner Mrs. M. Leblans and Miss Lambert Baker.

TUESDAY, MAY 3:
Mrs. B. Broadbridge and H. S. Yung vs. Mrs. L. Benjamin and J. Arzoon.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4:
E. C. Fincher and Cowie vs. J. Toller and J. Egal.
Mrs. Dury and Lawes vs. Winner Mr. and Mrs. White and Mr. and Mrs. Horsman.

THURSDAY, MAY 5:
Dr. R. Y. Ng vs. E. C. P. Guest.

FRIDAY, MAY 6:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

SATURDAY, MAY 7:
Mrs. Fincher and Miss Lambert Baker vs. Winner Mrs. Figueredo and Mrs. White.

SUNDAY, MAY 8:
Mrs. Broadbridge/Yung and Mrs. Benjamin/Arzoon vs. Winner Mrs. Figueredo/Wiggins.

MONDAY, MAY 9:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 10:
Mrs. Fincher and Miss Lambert Baker vs. Winner Mrs. Figueredo and Mrs. White.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11:
Mrs. Broadbridge/Yung and Mrs. Benjamin/Arzoon vs. Winner Mrs. Figueredo/Wiggins.

THURSDAY, MAY 12:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

FRIDAY, MAY 13:
Mrs. Fincher and Miss Lambert Baker vs. Winner Mrs. Figueredo and Mrs. White.

SATURDAY, MAY 14:
Mrs. Broadbridge/Yung and Mrs. Benjamin/Arzoon vs. Winner Mrs. Figueredo/Wiggins.

SUNDAY, MAY 15:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

MONDAY, MAY 16:
Mrs. Fincher and Miss Lambert Baker vs. Winner Mrs. Figueredo and Mrs. White.

TUESDAY, MAY 17:
Mrs. Broadbridge/Yung and Mrs. Benjamin/Arzoon vs. Winner Mrs. Figueredo/Wiggins.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

Philadelphia Bows To Boston, 12-5

New York, April 29.

Tod Williams clouted his first homer of the season and batted in five runs to lead Boston in a 12-5 win over Philadelphia in the American League.

Southpaw Mickey Harris was credited with the victory although slugged for 11 hits.

Lefty Ed Lopat pitched New York to a 6-2 decision over Washington, hurling a shutout the first seven frames. It was Lopat's third straight win.

Despite a four run homer by Johnny Groth, the St. Louis Browns still managed to salvage a 9-6 verdict over Detroit. The Browns clubbed four Tiger pitchers for 16 hits.

Pitcher Bob Malloy, in a relief role, got credit for the win. In the National League, the Brooklyn Dodgers trounced New York 15-2, clouting 19 hits, including three homers, off five Giant pitchers.

Ralph Branca held the Giants to four hits. Boston shelled three Philadelphia pitchers for 10 hits and a 6 to 1 decision. Earl Torgeson slammed his fourth homer of the season with one abroad in the fourth.

Brooklyn and Boston are tied for the League lead. St. Louis noded out Pittsburgh 5-2 as Al Brazle kept eight hits well spaced and struck out four. The Cards also got eight hits, but made them count.

Ken Raffensberger out duelled Walt Dubiel and Dwain Slat to give Cincinnati a 2-0 shutout of Chicago.

SCORES:
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Philadelphia 8 11 1
Boston 12 12 1
Winning pitcher Mickey Harris, loser Ed Lopat.
New York 6 11 3
Washington 2 8 1
Winning pitcher Ed Lopat, loser Rae Scarborough.
St. Louis 9 15 0
Detroit 6 0 0
Winning pitcher Bob Malloy, loser Saul Rogovin.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Brooklyn 15 19 0
New York 2 4 2
Winning pitcher Ralph Branca, loser Sheldon Jones.
Boston 6 10 2
Philadelphia 1 4 1
Winning pitcher Vern Bleckford, loser Johnny Thompson.
Pittsburgh 2 8 0
St. Louis 4 8 0
Winning pitcher Al Brazle, loser Vic Lombardi.
Cincinnati 2 6 0
Chicago 0 7 2
Winning pitcher Ken Raffensberger, loser Walt Dubiel.—Associated Press.

1956 OLYMPIC IN MELBOURNE
The 1956 Olympic Games will be held in Melbourne, Australia. This decision was made by the International Olympic Committee when after a secret ballot Melbourne received 21 votes to Buenos Aires 20.

This will be the first time that the Olympic Games have been held in Australia, while Italy has never before organised the Winter Olympiad, which will be held in Cortina-Ampezzo.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS
London, April 2
The results of soccer games played tonight were:
Third Division, Southern: Newport County 0, Aldershot 2; 1st 2, Leyton Orient 3.
Third Division, North: Tranmere Rovers 2, Darlington 1.—Reuter.

Famous Old-Timer Footballer Dead
London, April 2
The Reverend Kenneth R. Hunt, 65, famous old time Irish footballer, died yesterday. Rev. Hunt played half for Wolverhampton Wanderers and scored a goal in the World Cup final win over New Zealand in 1908. He twice played for England—against Scotland and Wales in 1911. After he was playing football he became a member of the English Football Association.

He was President of the Fergus Football Club, the new combination of Oxford and Cambridge University soccer players.—Associated Press.

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